(c) the steps being taken to see that the hostels are run properly?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) A total of 1,033 hostels have been sanctioned to be constructed in various States for the tribal girls during the Sixth. Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan, upto 1995-96 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Hostel for ST girls.

(b) and (c) The up-keep and maintenance of the hostels are the rcsnonsbility of the State/UT concerned. The Central Assistance is limited to the construction of the hostel buildings only.

Trust Fund to ameliorate the lot of mentally handicapped person*

*25ft. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to create a Trust Fund for amelioration of the mentally handicapped persons;

(b) the steps being taken to ensure that the Trust Funds arc utilised properly and the benefits reach those for whom they ,IIC meant; and

(c) (he estimated number of mentally impaired persons in the country and of those who can be helped by treatment and other support to lead normal life with dignity standing on their own feet?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Ministry of Welfare introduced the Bill No. 82, "National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy Bill 1995" in Tenth Lok Sabha on 6.12.1995. However, the Bill could not come up for consideration in the Tenth Lok Sabha. Before reintroducing the Bill in Eleventh Lok Sabha, the fresh approval of the Cabinet has to be obtained. The action in this regard is in progress.

(b) Suitable provisions are proposed to be made for the proper accounting and audit of the Trust Funds in the proposed Bill and the Rules to be framed thereunder. Suitable rules and instructions will be made for ensuring that the benefits reach those for whom they arc meant.

(c) Date compiled by small sample surveys from various parts of the country show that nearly 2 percent of the general population have mental retardation. No data arc available regarding estimated number of mentally handicapped persons who can be helped by treatment to lead a normal life with dignity, standing on their own feet. Persons with mental retardation by definition require lifelong support. The degree of support varies according to severity i.e. the more severe the mental retardation, greater the support required.

Quantum of production, consumption and export of coffee

*257. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production, domestic consumption and the export of coffee during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the projections made for 1996-97; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The production, exports and estimated